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Safety and health of the workers

†2669. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Labour Institutes set up in the country are capable to cater the needs of the safety and health of the workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The Central Labour Institute under the Directorate General of Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes (DGFASLI) has been established to provide support in the areas of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) to all establishments defined under the Factories Act, 1948. The authority to implement the laws governing OSH lies with the State Governments and individual employers. However, the OSH needs in the major ports of the country are the responsibility of Central Government and this is being carried out satisfactorily by the DGFASLI.

(b) One Central Labour Institute at Mumbai and four Regional Labour Institutes at Kolkata, Kanpur, Chennai and Faridabad are presently functioning in the country. They only provides support services by way of conducting training, seminar, workshop, safety audits, surveys and studies in the area of occupational safety and health.

Unemployment ratio

†2670. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether unemployment ratio has shown a downward trend during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details of the existing number of educated unemployed persons and the year-wise number of the same during the last five years;

(c) the names of the States having maximum number of educated unemployed persons;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether Government have formulated any special scheme to combat the problem of educated unemployment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Unemployment rate has not gone down as per the surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1993-94 and 1999-2000.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Maximum number of educated jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges as on December, 2001were in the State of Kerala (35.39 lakh).

(d) and (e) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented both in the rural and urban areas for the educated unemployed persons.

Contract Labour Laws

2671. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a labour law on the welfare and rationalisation of contract labour;

(b) if so, what are the other salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether Government are thinking of introducing this law during the current Session of Parliament; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) In the wake of economic liberalization, judgements of various courts, the experience gathered in administration of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and the proposals received from social partners to bring about changes in the said Act, the Government has undertaken its review. The amendments which may be effected in the Act have not been finalised yet and hence no definite time, by which the Bill may be introduced in Parliament, can be given.